DOL. I make them ! gluttony and diseases make them; I make them not.

FAL. If the cook help to make the gluttony, you help to make the diseases. Doll: we catch of you, Doll, we catch of you: grant that, my poor virtue, grant that.

DOL. Ay, marry; our chains, and our jewels.

Your brooches, pearls ^ and owches[5] ;<—for

To grow fat and bloated is one of the consequences of the venereal disease · and to that FalstafF probably alludes There are other allusions in the following speeches, to the same disorder.

M MASON.

5 '*Your* BROOCHES *pearls and* OWCHES ·1 *Brooches* were *chains of gold* that women wore formerly about their necks *Owches* were *bosses of gold* set with diamonds POPE

I believe Falstaff gives these splendid names as we give that of *carbuncle* to something very different from gems and ornaments · but the passage deserves not a laborious research.

JOHNSON

Brooches were literally *clasps* or *buckles* ornamented with gems See vol xii p 382 n 8 a note on Antony and Cleo-* patra

Mr Pope has rightly interpreted *otyches* in their original sense So in Nash's Lenten Stuff &c 1599 · " — three scarfs bracelets chains and *ouches* " It appears likewise from a passage in the ancient satire "called Cocke Lorelles Bote printed by Wynkyn de Worde that the makers of these ornaments were called *otychers;*

* *Otychers,* skynners, and cutlers '*

Dugdale p 234 in his Account of the Will of T de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick in the time of Edward III says · ** His jewels he thus disposed· to his daughter Stafford an *ouche* called the eagle which the prince gave him· to his daughter Alice, his next best *ouche* "

" With brooches rings and owches l' is however aline in the ancient ballad of The Boy and the Mantle See Percy's Reliques &c 4th edit vol iii p 34-1 Dr Johnson's conjecture may be

supported by a passage in The Widow's Tears, a comedy, by Chapman, 1612 :

> «——As many aches in his bones, as there are *ouches* in his skin."

Again in The Duke's Mistress, by Shirley, 1638, Valerio, speaking of a lady's *nose*, says :